

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph the first full paragraph at page 12 starting at line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

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In the configuration of **FIG. 1**, security barrier **140** is illustrative of a wide variety of structures and/or methods by which back-end application server **150** is or can be protected from direct access from public network **101** or demilitarized zone **102**. One realization of security barrier **140** includes a firewall or other selective filter. Although packet filter, firewall, or bastion server based security barriers are presently preferred. Other facilities are also suitable, for example server-based facilities that ensure SDB server **160** only accepts connection requests from SDB server **120** and by which back-end application server **150** and other similarly situated back-end applications servers) only accept connection requests from SDB server **160** may be employed as, or as part of, security barrier **140**. One bastion server implementation interposes a server hosting facilities illustrated separately as SDB server **120** and SDB server **160** on a single server platform, that